



International Board for the Certification of Specialists in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

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Message from the President



Dear IBCSOMS Fellows,

It is my honor to welcome you to the first issue of the IBCSOMS newsletter. Our goal is to keep our community engaged and informed, while sharing opportunities to grow together. Beginning this year, we are launching a new IBCSOMS podcast series where we will feature leaders in oral and maxillofacial surgery, highlight important developments in our field, and celebrate the achievements of our Fellows worldwide.

Thank you for being part of our shared mission to uphold the highest standards of excellence and professionalism.

Warm regards,
Joseph Helman
President, IBCSOMS

Stay in Good Standing — Renew Your Certification

As a reminder, Fellows must renew their certification annually to remain in good standing.

- Renewal Fee: \$100
- Renewal is quick — just log in to your account at ibcsoms.org to find your payment details

If your dues are pending, please take a moment today to renew and maintain your active status.

[Renew My Certification Now](#)

Upcoming Examinations

We are pleased to announce the 2025 Winter Examination Session:

MCQ Exam: 10 December 2025

Oral Exam: 11 December 2025

Application Deadline: 19 October 2025

Colleagues interested in certification can register for the exams on our website at ibcsoms.org.

Please feel free to share these important dates.

Featuring our Fellows

Each issue, we will highlight two of our Fellows to showcase the incredible work being done around the world. This month, we are pleased to feature **Prof. Takahiro Kanno** (Japan) and **Dr. Srinivasa R Chandra** (USA).



Prof. Takahiro Kanno graduated from the School and Graduate School of Dentistry, Kyushu Dental College, Kitakyushu, Japan, earning his DDS in 2001 and a PhD in Maxillofacial Surgery in 2005 under the mentorship of Prof. Tetsu Takahashi. He trained abroad as an AO Fellow at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich (2006), and as an IBRA Fellow at the University of Bern, Switzerland (2007). Since 2012, he has been a full-time faculty member at Shimane University Faculty of Medicine, where he was appointed Professor and Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2020.

In 2015, Prof. Kanno became **one of the first Fellows of IBCSOMS**, later earning certification in Head and Neck Oncology & Reconstructive Surgery (FIBCSOMS-ONC/RECON, 2018). Since 2022, he has also served as a Senate member of IBCSOMS, helping guide the governance and growth of this unique international certification system. His clinical and academic work focuses on maxillofacial trauma, dentofacial deformities, and resection and reconstruction for oral and head and neck cancer.

Alongside patient care, **Prof. Kanno** is dedicated to advancing research and teaching medical and dental students, as well as residents. He shares: “For



Dr. Chandra is an American and International Board Certified OMF Surgeon with fellowship training in all aspects of head and neck surgery, including cancer, craniofacial trauma, vascular anomalies, airway reconstruction, oral rehabilitation, and skull base reconstructive surgery. Formerly the Program Director at OHSU, Portland, Oregon, as an Associate Professor, he is proficient in microvascular reconstruction, dentofacial skeletal implant surgery, and serves on the Washington State Dental Board and Commission for Quality Assurance.

Dr. Chandra completed a Head & Neck Oncologic Surgery & Microvascular Fellowship at the University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville, and holds a post-doctorate diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons of England, with extensive maxillofacial training in the U.S., England, and India. He also holds a medical degree from St. George's University School of Medicine, a dental degree from Manipal University, and advanced surgical training from Emory University, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the University of Florida.

Dr. Chandra is a **Major in the U.S. Army MEDCOM (USAR)**. He has a research profile on tumor modulators supported by substantial grants and

young doctors, this certification pathway carries immense meaning and significance, and I wholeheartedly encourage them to pursue it with confidence. **To all aspiring young oral and maxillofacial surgeons: the future is wide open—come and join us!**"

serves as Secretary and Treasurer for the IBCSOMS Board, as well as on the American, International, and Board of Examinations. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Washington State University, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, and other institutions worldwide.

Activities & Opportunities



Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to participate in IBCSOMS activities, working groups, and events. More details will follow in the next issue.

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